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In re the Application of:

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AN ELECTRICAL SWITCHING DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2005, applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-9) in this application.

However, applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-15 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claim would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary

delay and expense to applicant and improper duplication examination by the U.S. PTO.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Parkhurst", written over the printed name.

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